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ARMED FORCES

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Order of Battle

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Unknown Inf. Unit stationed in LESKOVIQ

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An unknown Army unit has been located in LESKOVIQ from many years; the men of this unit wore infantry uniform.

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the strength of this unit as 300 men.

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3-4 Arty guns(type unknown) and about 6 trucks. Furthermore the unit had about 50 mules.

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Unknown Inf. Unit stationed in ERSEKE

An unknown Army unit has been located in the barracks of Erseke since 1955; the men of this unit wore infantry uniforms. the strength of this unit as about 400 men.

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Naval Bases and Ports

Naval unit at the cape KEFALI (DK-071582).

A naval unit of 30 men under a Sgt has been located at the cape of KEFALI since the autumn of 1954.

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Ministry of Interior Troops and Para-Military Organizations

Border Guard Service

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border posts which are subordinate to the Border

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Guard Unit of LESKOVIQ:

Post of AREZA (DK-740556).

Strength: About 50 men, commanded by a Lieutenant.

Every summer it moves to DK-754561).

Post of GJERMEN (DK-740556), which has a strength of about 20 men commanded by a lieutenant.

Post of XHONXHI(DK-754594), which has a strength of about 20 men, commanded by a lieutenant.

Observation posts

day observation posts:

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Post of KAMENIK (DK-754513) which consists of 3 men dispatched every morning from the border post of GJERMEN. As soon as it gets dark the men of the observation post return to the building of the border post.

Observation post of 3 men at DK-744568; they are dispatched from the border post of AREZE.

Each observation post has a sniper's rifle.

A patrol of 2 men is dispatched every evening from the border post of Gjermen; at about 24.00 hrs this patrol is met with that of AREZE at DK-732540.

After that the men of the patrol return to the post following the route DK-728528 - DK-732524 - Dk-732540; on their way back to the post the men of the patrol perform many stops.

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Fences

A fence about 2 m. high, consisting of wooden poles and dry branches of trees was constructed in 1955, which connects the post of XHANXHI(DK-754594) with that of AREZE(DK-740556); the said fence runs along the border line, within the Albanian territory, about 300 m. from the border line.

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Early in Aug. 1956, begun the construction of another fence, extending from the post of AREZE up to the foot of the mountain KAMENIK(DK-755515), at a distance of 200 m. from the border line. This fence runs through the forest and it is constructed as follows: They cut a big tree, and they arrange the trunk to fall parallel to the border line; then the side branches of the tree are cut-off, leaving the vertical branches to extend above the fallen tree, so that they can be used as poles. Then the cut-off branches of the tree are inserted between these poles. The said fence is about 2 m. high and 0,60 m. wide, and it was expected to be ready on Sept. 20, 1956.

Mines

There are no mine-fields, except one extending between DK-748509 and DK-752510, which was placed in 1949 and it consists of mines against personnel. The width of this mine-field ~~#####~~ is about 20 m. Signs have been placed to indicate the position of the mine-field.

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SECURITY FORCES & SPECIAL UNITS

State Police

Police Station(Post) in LUKOVE(DK-0796)

In LUKOVE there is a police post of 10 men under a M/Sgt.

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FORTIFICATIONS

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COASTAL DEFENCES

Arty Group located at the cape of KEFALI(DK-071582)

Till the summer of 1954 there were 6 Coastal Arty guns located at the area of the cape KEFALI, from DK-077188 up to DK-072194. The said guns were serviced by 50 men commanded by a Lieutenant; this unit was subordinate to a bigger unit stationed in SARANDE. [REDACTED]

In the summer of 1954 the guns of this group were replaced by new Russian guns of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The old guns were place outside the barracks located at DK-080190, covered with tarpaulins, and remained there until April 1956 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] During the winter of 1954 concrete -constructed works were built at the same area [REDACTED]

~~ANTI-AIRCRAFT~~ DEFENCE

Location of A.A. Guns

During the winter of 1954, 1955, and 1956 [REDACTED] in the area of KEFALI (DK-075180), he heard A.A. Machine gun and A.A. Arty guns firing against airplanes of unknown nationality every time ~~and~~ they used to fly above the cape of KEFALI.

Location of Search-lights

A search-light was installed at DK-141138, in the summer of 1956, which used to check the sea at certain intervals. [REDACTED]

INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATIONADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION & DIVISION OF THE COUNTRY

The Executive Committee for the Rreth(sub-prefecture) of Sarande was transferred from ~~SA~~ SARANDE to DELVINE, and now it is called Executive Committee for the Rreth of DELVINE. 25X1

The Recruiting office of Sarande was transferred to Delvine too. [REDACTED]

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FIFTH CHAPTERECONOMIC SITUATIONFarming

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The farming production of the village NIVICE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] consists of wheat, corn, tobacco, cotton, potatoes, olive oil, and vegetables. 25X1

[REDACTED] the produ- 25X1

ction was sufficient for the population.

The farming production of the villages GJERMEN(DK-7253), AREZE(DK-735555), and SHALES(DK-7155) [REDACTED] consists of a little wheat and 25X1

corn. The population of this area mainly live on wood-cutting, for woods occupy vast area in that part of the country.

Cooperatives

[REDACTED] village of NIVICE. After cons- 25X1

tant pressure of the competent authorities, only 50 families, out of 170 living in farming the village, accepted to join the cooperative. About a month later, 23 families pre-

ferred to quit from the cooperative, although they had to lose ownership of the collectivized property. [REDACTED] these families were claiming their property and tried 25X1

to get it back. The reasons which urged them to abandon the cooperative were, the bad working conditions, the poor share they received from the cooperative, and the partial distribution of the crops. [REDACTED] 25X1

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Taxation

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Taxation imposed on stock-farming products

The following taxation was imposed on independent stock-breeders who owned sheep until Jan. 1956:

a) Owners of 1 up to 100 sheep, were required to pay 150 lek yearly for each sheep.

Besides that they were obliged to deliver the following stock-farming goods to the government payable in prices fixed by the government:

800 grams of wool for each sheep, sold to the government for 37 to 50 lek per kg, according to the quality.

5 kgs of meat for each sheep, sold to the government for 9 - 11 lek.

5-7 kgs of milk for each sheep, sold " " " " 10 lek in summer and 13-20 lek in winter, according to the quality.

b) [redacted]

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Reduction of the taxation

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In Jan. 1956 the taxation imposed on stock-farming goods was reduced [redacted]

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Pasture-lands

For each pasture-field, the stock-breeders are required to pay 5 kgs of milk per sheep for a six months period.

Due to the fact that the best pasturages are given to government stock-farming brigades, the flocks of the independent farmers very rarely could reach production standards allowing them to face the taxation. In order to face this situation, the stock-breeders were forced to sell their lambs and kids (young-goats), sometimes their old-aged sheep too, in order to complete the sums necessary for the taxation.

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Stock-farming cooperatives

Since 1954 the independent stock-breeders are forced by the competent authorities to join the cooperatives, but the stock-breeders are not inclined to yield.

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Their refusal resulted additional oppressive measures; the government authorities informed the independent stock-breeders that pasture-lands will be given to the cooperatives only.

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SIXTH CHAPTER

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GEOGRAPHIC SITUATION

Info concerning towns and villages

The village of NIV ICE(DK-1223) has about 170 houses, inhabited by an equal number of families. Water is received from wells; kerosene lamps are used for light.

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The village of GJERMEN (DK-7253) has about 30 houses, inhabited by an equal number of families. Water is received from fountains; kerosene lamps are used for light.

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The villages of AREZE(DK-735555), and SHALES(DK-7155)

are ~~like~~ almost like the village of GJERMEN.

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